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Episcopal Church



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Then & Now

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51 Years of
Music Ministry
at St. John's!



Above: Do you recognize any of these familiar faces?

1. Hank Snyder
2. Shirley Michenzi
3. Dorothy (Dunlop) Ek
4. Fred Myers
5. John Edgerton

Come... Join Us!

Sundays

8:00 am Service:

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Service:

Sung Eucharist Rite II

9:00 Sunday Forum

Restoration Project

The Basics (Fireside Room)

9:00 St. John's Café (Library)

9:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal
(Chancel)

9:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal
(Music Room)

9:00–Noon Farmers' Market
(Parking Lot)

9:45 Godly Play (Undercroft &
Classrooms)



Evangelist Deadline

**November Issue
October 15 at 4pm**

All groups and individuals are **encouraged** to submit news and items of interest to *The Evangelist*. Email (church@stjohnsstpaul.org), mail, or bring your **written and titled piece and/or photos** to the church office *before* the deadline shown above. Thank you!

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From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,

More than a few times in Erin's and my time at St. John's, we have made reference to a wonderful woman whose welcome and generous spirit was in large part responsible for both of us becoming Episcopalian. She was one of those church members, at the parish in Renton, Washington, where we first became Episcopalian, who was always finding ways to be of service to the community. She served as the office administrator for the rector for years, was the self-appointed hospitality team (of 1), coffee hour organizer, and often the first to visit your bedside when news went out that you were sick or recovering from an operation. She welcomed us to our first church in a way that left a significant impression, such that everywhere else we've gone in the church, we've always looked for others like her. Sadly, not every church is blessed with such servant leadership in just one person—but at St. John's, we are.



In my short three years at St. John's I have come to discover Dusty Mairs to be just one of those people. Raised in this parish, Dusty has held just about every volunteer position a parishioner could lead. But, where she has felt most at home have been in those often less visible and behind-the-scenes ministries. She has served on our Altar Guild and Building Committee, coordinated coffee hour and assisted with funeral receptions, been on the prayer chain, visited the homebound and managed toddlers in the nursery. The list of her many contributions is too long to give, and those of you that have known her personally in the decades she has called St. John's home, understand that she is a person of great generosity, humility, and compassion. When Jesus, as we read and practice in our Maundy Thursday observance, washes the feet of the disciples and then bestows this most humble practice on them as a model for their own ministry, the church called it discipleship. These days we have come to call it servant leadership and, I think it is safe to say that Dusty's life at St. John's exudes servant leadership.

Last month we celebrated the work of our office administrator, Sarah Dull, in an article by Barbara Mraz. In that article we described the many duties and tasks that are to be undertaken by one who administrates a parish the size and caliber of St. John's, and we are so grateful to have Sarah's excellent talents leading us now in this work as a member of our staff. What we didn't say then but I wish to highlight now, is that that position of administrating our parish, has up till this past year been largely executed, (for free!) by Dusty Mairs. And, what's more, Sarah is now able to do her work as well as she does because of Dusty's careful training and mentorship. For over 20 years, Dusty has faithfully and tirelessly served our parish (on top of all the ways listed above) in the capacity of administrator – a gift of almost incomparable value. As Dusty takes a well deserved rest from this service, she is nevertheless still involved in several ways, still giving and loving St. John's and the community that she has

helped shape and build.

Being too humble to allow me to have her stand in front of the parish to hear these and other accolades and to receive your applause and thanks, I have decided the most appropriate way to honor her service, is through the establishment of the Dusty Mairs Servant Leadership award to be given to a parishioner or parish partner who best exemplifies Dusty's continuing dedication to serving others first in the spirit of Christ. That award will be given each year on our annual celebration of Service Sunday.

I am grateful for and humbled by the many ways Dusty has graced and blessed my life, and even more thankful that we continue to be blessed by her presence and many gifts in the community into the future. Thank you Dusty for all the ways you give and serve and love our congregation.

Faithfully,

Twin Cities Marathon

The Twin Cities Marathon on October 5 will come right past St. John's. (Please note that Summit Ave will be closed, so you may need to take an alternate route to church.) At the end of the service, our retiring procession and concluding hymn will involve the whole congregation as we move to Summit Avenue for our final dismissal. There, the Saint John's Bell Choir, as well as the tower bells, will serenade the runners. Bring your cheering voices and together we'll take our service into the world.

St. Francis Day Celebration

In honor of St. Francis, who loved all creatures great and small, we will be blessing the animals on Wednesday, October 8 at 5:00pm in the parking lot. Treats for animals and humans alike will be available after the service. We will also give thanks for our Farmers' Market, which will close for the season in mid-October. Please bring your pets (dog, cat, fish, rabbit, etc.) and join us for a joyous celebration of our earth and God's creation.

From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear friends in Christ,

I often take the highway from my house to work here at St. John's. Many days, when I get off of I-94 onto Dale St., there are people standing by the intersection asking for money. Some of their signs say, "Homeless vet"; some say, "Out of work." All of them declare, "Anything helps."



When I worked in the hospital as a chaplain, I knew many of the people who panhandled in downtown Minneapolis. I had met them, heard their stories, been present for their struggles with diabetes, dialysis, and alcoholism. When I passed them on the street, I said hello, asked how they were doing, and we talked. It was easier because I was on foot, commuting by bus and light rail, and because we had a relationship outside of that chance encounter on the street.

I do not know these people who stand by the Dale intersection, and I go by quickly, as long as the light is green. I tell myself that these things make it harder to connect; more likely, they are excuses.

Then one morning, there was a man with a dog. "Homeless vet," read his sign, "dog likes chicken." This I can do. I have chicken jerky in my glove box from our dog, and I always carried dog treats when I walked to the hospital. I rolled down my window, and passed him jerky for the dog. He smiled, I smiled. Now it's a thing. Every time I see him and the dog, I give him a treat.

Overcoming our fears, our prejudices, and simply our inertia to make a connection is vitally important. In acknowledging other people, whether the homeless guy with the dog on the corner, the stranger in the pew at church, or the next door neighbor, we are respecting their humanity and sharing our own. When we ignore or turn away with no acknowledgement, we continue a pattern of isolation that eventually breaks down both our community and the larger body of Christ.

Who do you welcome, with your greetings and your presence? Who welcomes you?

Faithfully yours,

Kate

Truffle Retrieves the Answer



Logo by Steve Michaels

Thanks for the overwhelming volume of mail that came in from my offer to dig out answers about liturgy; those things you whisper about in the pews and never dreamed you'd get answered.

The question selected for today: Why do all the people up front on Sundays wear white dresses (perhaps accessorized by a stole or a cape-like garment)?

You may well be asking: Where could Truffle possibly go to retrieve this answer? Although its members value anonymity, there is a Dog Issues Group (DIG) at the Cathedral that meets monthly, mentored by the well-known Canine Missioner, Angus Welby-Wilby. Canine Welby-Wilby, formerly of Christ Church College, Oxford, has relocated to the Twin Cities for health reasons and has kindly offered to be the Go-to-Dog (GTD) for all resident church dogs in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECM).

At our last meeting, I raised the question of white dresses. According to Canine Welby-Wilby, it goes back to the first century in Rome when it seems everybody wore an alb, that is a long, flowing garment. Sometimes they wore tunics over them, so the albs then were basically well, underwear.

The good Canine tells us that these albs are always white (from the Latin *albus*, meaning "white") because "we are washed clean in Baptism." He also noted that albs are worn when officiating or assisting at the Eucharistic table and "de-personalize" the ministers' bodies as to remind us that they are serving in the name of Christ." Clergy wear stoles over their albs.

We had to adjourn for Coffee Hour before the Labradoodle from St. Clement's got his question answered. He wanted to know why the pope wears red shoes.

I hope the clergy don't mind me taking on their clothes. I say again: I'm not a threat. I'm a retriever.

Keep those cards and questions coming in.

Truffle, RCD (Resident Church Dog)

Stewardship

Thank you to all who made pledges in last year's campaign. Your sacrificial giving allowed us to live more fully into our ministries. Our parish life together is only possible because of your generosity.

In the weeks ahead we will be talking more about how giving impacts our core ministries and we will be showing how your financial gifts connect with the goals expressed by our congregation in the forthcoming Strategic Plan. Our theme for this year's stewardship affirms that we are each "Called to Follow Christ" by giving of our time, talent and treasure. We are called to follow Christ in learning and formation, in worship, in our service to and community with others, and in building a firm foundation for the future.

As our annual pledge drive approaches we will be providing you with transparent, updated information on how your gifts are used ... and the lives that are touched. We will invite you to prayerfully consider how to best answer the call to serve our parish in 2015.

Till then, know your gift of presence, volunteer time, and financial resources are vitally important in our life together. Again, we are grateful for all you have given to St. John's.

-Tony
Grundhauser, Stewardship Chair



Reflections on the St. John's & Holy Apostles Parish Picnic

By Colleen Swope

There are experiences that surprise and delight. Then, there are experiences that go to your core and make you stop, think, and even pray. Those are “wows.”

This year was my first time at the picnic. I saw and heard the greetings and joy when the congregants saw each other. When the service began with the opening hymn, we sang the first verse and chorus in English, the second verse and chorus in Hmong, continuing back and forth. All the singing was conducted this way. It was a joy to just relax and listen to the familiar hymns taking on a new meaning in a new language. Prayers were spoken simultaneously in both languages. I found myself not speaking in order to hear the congregants of Holy Apostles. It was mesmerizing. We were seated with St. John's on one side and Holy Apostles on the other, but during the sign of Peace, so many of us crossed over the grassy aisle to greet each other with smiles. This made us one.

Then we all went down to the river with two babies to baptize, and the Mighty Mississippi was waiting to assist Jered and Kate. Both babies were as good as gold and their families were wearing the biggest smiles you've ever seen. We felt echoes of our own baptisms as we stood on the riverbank with the sun shining and the colors of nature all around us.

Once we returned, lunch was served. We were able to enjoy many, many dishes from the HA families. There was much joking and laughing as people asked what each dish was, tried a bite, and then asked how it was made. It was fun to see how the younger members of Holy Apostles stuck with the traditional American food. One said to another, indicating a wonderful cabbage salad from the HA side, “Yeah, it's good. But I can eat that at home. I want a burger!”

The Fellowship crews from both churches ran a great event. They had it all set up to feed as many as possible as fast as possible. I cannot imagine anyone left hungry. It makes one stop and wonder what would have happened if they had been given the loaves and fishes.

I hope that we all make it next year. It is a chance to worship in a new way, see each other in a new light, and experience God's world as maybe He intended. It was a wow.

Vestry Members

Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*
Marilyn Conklin, *Music*
Tricia Durst, *Fellowship*
Mary Gilbertson, *At Large*
Phyllis Goff, *At Large*
Rex Haberman, *At Large*
Gary Hagstrom, *At Large*
Vern Kassekert, *At Large*
Suzanne McInroy, *At Large*
Don Postema, *Senior Warden*
Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*
Lea Anne Schmidt, *New Member/Welcome*
Colleen Swope, *Faith in Action*
Kevin Wall, *At Large*
Holly Weinkauff, *At Large*
Jerry Woelfel, *Junior Warden*

Volunteer Positions

Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*
Phillip Baird, *Verger*
Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Jim Johnson, *Planned Gift Chair*
Craig Lemming, *Compline Coordinator*
Joan Potter, *Verger*
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*
George Power, *Columbarium*
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*

Clergy

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Margaret Thor, *Deacon*

Staff

Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*
Jayson Engquist, *Director of Music and Organist*
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*
Jean Hansen, *Children, Youth, and Family Minister*
Ivan Holguin, *Building Assistant*
Mary Kay Knapp, *Children's & Youth Choirs Director*
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*
John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
Ellie Watkins, *Communications Assistant*
Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

Parishioner Profile: Lala Alcenat

by Barbara Mraz

Her name means “seer” in one language and “advice-giver” in another. She is one of the most openly spiritual people I have ever met. She speaks three languages. She is Lala Alcenat and has been, for several years now, a member of St John’s.

Born in Liberia into a large and loving family (she confesses that she was “the rebellious one”), she moved to Italy at age 18 to see more of the world. She remained for 14 years, marrying there and having her first child, Francesco.

She and her husband came to the United States at this point and did not return to war-torn Liberia. Also, her mother and other family members had moved by then to Minneapolis. It is here that her two daughters Galawe, now 8 and Fugentia, age ten, were born.

She attended a Pentecostal church in Bloomington with her husband and family for some time. A lot happened during these years. She and her husband went through an extremely difficult divorce. She was “ministered to” by many women at the church and “learned to pray from my heart.” She learned to fast as long as three days to gain clarity and grow closer to God. She practiced not responding to people who hassled her on the street. She became at home with the idea of prophetesses and laying on of hands. She immersed herself in the Bible.

Lala speaks with complete conviction of regularly having visions of things that have not happened yet. For example, weeks before she first entered St. John’s, she says she had a dream about it; she saw the sanctuary and Keely (our previous associate) at the altar. A week before I was due to have surgery on my foot a year ago, Lala asked me if I was “all right” since she had dreamed of me in a hospital bed!

Lala’s arrival at St. John’s in 2008 also had a mystical



element. She says that spiritually she was in “a dry place” and she and her daughters were, out of necessity, living in St. Paul. One Sunday they went to look for “a place to pray.” They walked by St John’s and wandered in. The service had ended, the church was empty and the three went to the altar and knelt. She recognized the place and knew that this

was where they were supposed to be—she had seen it before: “I had dreamt about this place.”

Lala, Galawe and Fugenia are settled into a comfortable apartment in Bloomington, the girls go to Folwell School, and every night they pray together and read the Bible. Lala works at Macy’s selling yogurt and is glad the apartment is within walking distance of the Mall of America. Her mother, sister and son Francesco are not far away.

She has stayed at St. John’s because she says it is a beautiful church with a different kind of worship that speaks to her now. Clergy and parishioners helped her find and furnish one of her early apartments and provided other assistance during an especially difficult period. She has made friends here.

When I asked her how she could be at home in a place so different from the Pentecostal church, she only replies that sometimes she wonders if people here find it hard to totally open their hearts. She also says that it is her job to pray and to tell people about the love of Jesus. Some weeks, she has had to take three different buses to get to church from Bloomington.

Lala’s spiritual depth and confidence are rare in my experience, and I often find it healing to talk with her. So I think Lala may have been brought here for herself, but just as importantly, she has been brought here for us.

Faith in Action

Huge Sale October 11

The biggest Fall shopping event is right around the corner!

The dramatically-changed and highly-charged Huge Sale is returning on Saturday, October 11 2014. As the new scheme was so successful, it will remain a one-day event.

The doors will open at 9:00 am and the regular sale and bake shop will run until 12:00 pm. At 1:00 pm, the doors will re-open for the Bag Sale, which will run until 3:00 pm.

For everyone new to St. John's, our sale brings in funds that the Vestry uses for programs throughout the Church, including our Outreach with Kayoro Clinic, Hearts to Homes, and Food Shelf among others. We hold this sale twice a year (May and October).

Join your fellow parishioners in helping to set up and enjoying one of the biggest funfests at St. John's! You get to see friends and chat or meet new friends and laugh over piles of jeans.

We are ready to sign up volunteers for set up and sorting shifts which begins on Sunday, October 5th. We have two shifts each day (9:30 am – 12:30 am and 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). You can always drop in if you have time available.

We will need volunteers for the day of the sale (the 11th). You can work all day, or take the morning or afternoon shift. Lunch will be provided.

And lastly, we will need volunteers on the day after (the 12th) for the "Pack Up for Pick Up" event. This is when we take what goods remain and pack them all up for donation to a local non-profit thrift store.

To sign up for all shifts desired, please go to our Sign-Up Genius page at www.tinyurl.com/huge2014.

Faith in Action Meeting - Thursday, October 16 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.

Hearts to Homes Meeting - Monday, November 24 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

REMINDER: We accept gently used household items, men's/women's/children's clothing, toys, books, home accents, accessories, etc. We do not accept:

- Large book sets (e.g. encyclopedias)
- Items needing cleaning or repairs
- Hazardous waste
- Appliances w/hazardous waste parts (TVs, VCRs, computers, stereos, turntables, speakers, phones, answering machines, cell phones, tablets, etc.)
- Children's equipment (car seats, cribs, etc.)
- Furniture with cloth and/or stuffing
- Any large appliances or Microwave ovens
- Mattresses or box springs
- Carpeting
- Curtain Rods
- Generally unsalable/unusable items

For information on the Huge Sale, please contact Jeff Olsen (jolsen1533@wblmn.com), Mary Gilbertson (mbag@integrity.com) or Colleen Swope (ccswope50@gmail.com).



Hearts to Homes "Chili Bowl" Cook-Off

Sunday, November 9 will be our annual Chili Cook Off after the 10:00 service. Start working on your chili recipe now, or plan on attending to vote to choose the best chili. Admission is a household item that our Hearts to Homes families can use, such as dish detergent, paper products, pots and pans, laundry detergent, cleanser, kitchen and bath towels.

If you'd like to enter your chili, please contact Alice Johnson (aklightner@aol.com) or Holly Weinkauff (betterwein@yahoo.com) to sign up and tell them your name, email, phone number, and if you are working on a red or a white chili recipe.



Mark Your Calendars for the Second Biennial Cabaret and Auction!

Saint John's is joining forces with Give Us Wings for a night of fabulous fun, food, friendship and fund-raising. We will continue our commitments to Kayoro village and to the upcoming pilgrimage of the youth mission trip. You are invited to attend, bring friends, donate to the silent and live auctions, and perform in the cabaret. This is our opportunity to inter-generationally play together, support important work both inside and outside our building walls, and deepen relationships.

When: Saturday, October 25, 7:00–10:00 pm. Auction and appetizers at 7:00, cabaret at 8:00, and live auction throughout the evening.

Where: St. John's Gymnasium

Who: ages 12 - 112

Why: Raise funds and awareness for Saint John's youth pilgrimage and Kayoro Clinic

Special Features: silent auction, live auction, fabulous talent show, and great food, plus a special emcee—WCCO's John Hines!

CABARET



It's going to be a great night, but we can't put it on without your help:

Call for Performers: We're seeking performances of all kinds: instrumental, vocal, family fashion shows, book reviews, poetry readings, impersonations, Top Ten Lists (e.g. "Top Ten Reasons to Join the Choir"), and more. Each act is open to everyone 12 and over and limited to 5 minutes in length. Performers will work with Joan Potter in advance; there is a tech rehearsal on October 24 and a dress rehearsal in the afternoon before the cabaret. Submit your idea to Joan Potter by Friday, October 10 at jepotter60@gmail.com.



Call for Auction Donations: Ideas include: bottles of wine, gift cards; art, jewelry, and craft items; electronics and tools; personal services (e.g. skiing lessons or

babysitting); sports equipment; dinner parties; theme baskets; massages, pedicures, and manicures; airline tickets and donated miles; a weekend at the cabin; wine or beer tasting evening; hotel overnight stay. Please bring your treasures to the church office by Friday, October 17.

Call for Volunteers: People are needed to help with setup and cleanup, food, the auction, hospitality, the bar, photography, signage, a phone tree, and more. Helping with this exciting event will be fun and rewarding. Watch the bulletins and E-news for a Sign-Up Genius link where you can see all the volunteer slots. Contact Jean Hansen at rjhansen3128@gmail.com with questions.

Save the date! We'll see you and your friends there!



What is the Cabaret raising funds for?

St. John's Clinic, Kayoro Uganda

In 2008, St. John the Evangelist embarked on a relationship with the people of Kayoro, Uganda through a partnership with Give Us Wings. Through our relationship with the people of Kayoro, we have come to know and cherish them. We learned about their lack of access to clean water, their need for quality medical care and their desire for basic nutritional and medical information.

In the past, generous donations from St. John's have funded installation of solar panels, a borehole for clean water, radio advertising to raise awareness about the clinic, a doctor to visit the clinic monthly, and immunization camps and educational seminars. Members of St. John's have further strengthened our relationship when they have traveled to Kayoro to offer their friendship, training, and sponsorships.

This year, Kayoro Clinic will use the funds to improve and expand their pre and post-natal care services to keep moms and babies healthy and happy.

Youth Ministry Pilgrimage – Journey to Adulthood

Journey to Adulthood is a holistic curriculum that tries to deal with what is real for young people. During their 10th grade year, the youth begin the work of knowing themselves and how they relate to society and to God. At the end of the year, we acknowledge them as young adults, rather than children, and invite them to make a holy pilgrimage. The pilgrimage is not a sightseeing expedition, nor a mission trip or a service opportunity. It is a time set aside to seek Christ and to find Christ both in the world and within themselves.

Raising funds through the Cabaret is vital and will ensure that all youth at St. John's have an equal opportunity to go on pilgrimage.

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree

This program is set up through the YWCA Housing and Support Services. Wish tags will be hanging on the Christmas tree located at the back of the church beginning in November. We have committed to providing gifts and \$50 grocery certificates for 14 families in the YWCA Support Services.

You can choose however many tags you wish to fulfill. You can also donate funds to help purchase Cub food certificates or to have others shop for you.

Farmers' Market and Fields to Families

WE HAVE MADE OUR GOAL!

St. John's Farmers' Market and Fields to Families missions are so excited to announce that we have made our goal in matching the Fields to Families \$1,500 grant. Thanks to the generous members of St. John's and our incredible neighbors, not only did we match the grant we surpassed it beyond our wildest dreams! As of this week, St. John's and friends have raised \$2,934.22 in addition to the \$1,000.00 in seed money provided by St. John's. To add to the amazement, funds continue to come in! The season will close in mid-October.

So far this growing season, we've purchased \$2,170.68 in produce for Hallie Q Brown Food Shelf. It is the equivalent of 6,000 pounds in produce. It was amazing that we moved from one delivery a week to two! The truck deliveries ended for the season in September.

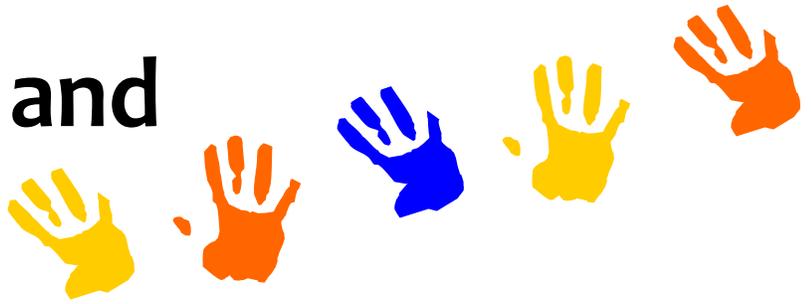
We at St. John's and Hallie Q Brown Community Center Food Shelf cannot thank everyone enough for supporting this drive and our Market. You helped our farmers remain independent and gave fresh produce to those who would not be able to afford it otherwise.

And now a very special thank you to the members of St. John's who worked the Farmers' Market this season. Not only did you help our farmers with set up and communications, you truly were the frontlines in reaching all that contributed to the Fields to Families matching grant. Your work on behalf of this funding made a huge difference between making this or missing it. Thank You!

Thank you, everyone! See you next season!



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Godly Play

The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God’s call in our lives.



Please come!

Who: All Parishioners

What: Godly Play Open House

When: October 12 after the 10:00 am worship service

Where: Undercroft Godly Play room

Godly Play is an experience of adults and children dwelling together in the mystery of God. It is profoundly biblical and sacramental and at the same time is deeply respectful of the nature of young children who are able to make their way to God in freedom and joy. Godly Play aims to make religion come alive for children, to assist their spiritual development, to help Christianity become part of daily life and to make the language of religion familiar.



Dinner Schedule

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| October 1: | Harstad Family, Tina and Jim |
| October 8: | Conklin/Docherty Family, John and Marilyn |
| October 15: | NO YOUTH GATHERING |
| October 22: | Wall Family, Michelle and Kevin |
| October 29: | Krall Family, Anneke and Andrew |
| November 5: | Olson Family, Kim and Jeff |
| November 12: | OPEN |
| November 19: | Brooks Family, Cathy and Mike |
| November 26: | OPEN |
| December 3: | Krall Family, Anneke and Andrew |
| December 10: | Baxter Family, Aimee and Tom |

Confirmation Schedule

What: Confirmation Preparation

Where: St. John’s Undercroft

When: 1:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month

Confirmands – please mark your calendars with our meeting dates. Confirmation will meet at 1:00pm on the first Sunday of the month October through March, with the final meeting on Sunday, April 12.

Dates for the year are October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 12



Musical Notes

from the
Organ Bench...



Winifred Bean Memorial Evensongs

On Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 pm, we will have an All Saints Evensong with Concert. The music will be *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms with duo-pianists Helen Jensen and Sharon Kleckner.

Then on December 21 at 4:00 pm, we will hold our annual Lessons and Carols service with all the choirs at St. John's: the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choir. The Artaria String Quartet will also join us.

Please plan to attend these music events and invite your friends and neighbors. Both will be followed by a festive reception. Childcare is available.

Compline

Join us for the candlelit Sung Compline service on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Stalls. Quiet your mind and nourish your heart with this contemplative service, held at the end of the day when work is done and the sun has set. To learn more, please contact Craig Lemming at 857-891-8780 or clemming@hotmail.com. Note: Incense will be present at this service, as well as the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.



These young musicians had a great time meeting Children's and Youth Choirs Director Mary Kay Knapp!

Join us in the Choir!

You are always welcome to join our music ministry. Contact the directors directly with any questions.

Adult Choir

Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am. The Adult Choir is open to all who are interested in singing. The choir focuses on singing sacred texts from all periods including Gregorian chant, Renaissance, Baroque and Classical to the Modern era. There are no auditions, but it is helpful to have had some choral singing experience. Director: Jayson Engquist, 651-228-1172 x36 or jayson.engquist@st.johnsstpaul.org.

Handbell Choir

Rehearsals Tuesdays from 5:45-7:15 pm. The choir participates in the 10:00 am service on the second Sunday of each month and in special services with musical offerings, including Lessons and Carols. All are welcome to join. The ability to read music is helpful but not a requirement. Director: Kate Graber, 952-890-3616 or kate.graber@yahoo.com.

Youth Choir

Rehearsals Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 pm. The Youth Choir welcomes all 5-12 grade youth and participates in Sunday liturgy once or twice a month. The choir focuses on honing vocal and musical skills while exploring a variety of musical styles and biblical and liturgical texts. Director: Mary Kay Knapp, 515-991-8757 or mkksings@gmail.com.

Children's Choir

Rehearsals Sundays from 9:00-9:45 am. The Children's Choir welcomes all grade K-4 children and sings at the 10:00 am service on the first Sunday of each month. Children are welcome to join at any time. We enjoy having visitors and anyone who would like to try it out. Director: Mary Kay Knapp, 515-991-8757 or mkksings@gmail.com.

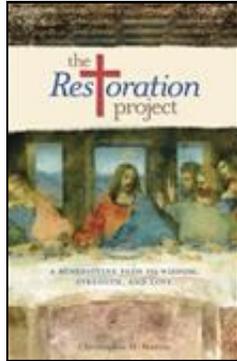
Faith Formation

Being built up in the knowledge and love of God.

Sunday Forum:

Restoration Project—The Basics

This is an eight-week faith formation series on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. The Basics classes give the knowledge and skills that inspire us to live a balanced spiritual life, and they offer a way for individuals to learn and grow in community. They are offered for all parishioners and especially those marking a significant transition in the church (baptism, confirmation, reception, reaffirmation of baptism, joining St. Johns, marriage) or looking to refresh one's knowledge on the basic categories of Christian faith.



These classes tell the Christian story, teach how to read the Bible, and teach the basic Christian disciplines. The Basics classes are anything but “basic” and will engage both the heart and the mind so that we might, as a congregation, deepen our faith and draw closer to the One who is its source. These courses are offered as a part of a wider process of parish life and parish

formation known as the Restoration Project, which combines these weekly classes with ongoing small discipleship groups. For more info, please speak to the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson or the Rev. Kate Bradtmiller, or go to www.restorationproject.net.

September 28 & October 5: Basic Anglicanism is like a citizenship class. We learn where we came from, how we make decisions and how we worship. We get to know St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, the particular church community in which we are planted.

October 12 & 19: Basic Bible teaches the skills for reading the Bible intelligently and prayerfully. It combines contemporary scholarship with the traditional four senses of scripture so that we can make the ancient practice of lectio divina our own.

October 26 & November 9 (no class November 2): Basic Christianity tells the whole story of our faith from the beginning of time until the end. It aims to give participants the narrative framework we all need for a lifetime of growing in faith.

November 16 & 23: Basic Discipleship teaches the essential Christian practices of prayer, financial stewardship and of telling our own story. It encourages students to adopt the Rhythm of Life.

St. John's Cafe

Come for the coffee, stay for the good news!

Join us Sundays at 9:00am in the Library as we discuss the lectionary gospel in the context of the week's news.

All are welcome!

Please contact Jered Weber-Johnson, 651-228-1172 x11, or Kate Bradtmiller, 651-228-1172 x18, with questions.



Next Baptism Sunday November 2

We believe, at St. John's, that baptism is about what God is doing through the Spirit and about what God is up to in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. In this way, Baptism is less about a rite of passage, or even about one individual, but more about locating our individual lives in the wider life and story of God and God's grace.

If you are interested in getting baptized or having a child baptized, please contact the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson at 651-228-1172, x11 to set up a time to meet. The next baptism Sunday after November 2 will happen on January 11, 2015.





Community Life

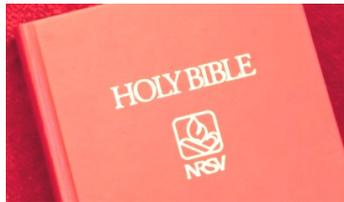
Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

This training is for Lay Eucharistic Ministers who wish to go from a Sunday Eucharist to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who were unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity. We will be holding a training for this ministry on Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room. If you are interested, please contact the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18 or kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Bible Study

This group meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Library.

Participants discuss the lessons for the coming Sunday. This is a great opportunity for community building. For more information, contact Diane Elliott, 804-874-9502.



October Meetings

Prayer Shawl Gathering: Wednesday, October 1 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, October 9 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Men's Gathering: Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, October 20 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or postema@comcast.net.

Down Syndrome Group: Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft and Nursery. Contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com

Women's Gathering: Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Erin Weber-Johnson at eweberjohnson@gmail.com or Lea Anne Schmidt at leanne.schmidt@gmail.com.

New Member Profile

Bill and Laurie Arbes

Bill, a native of Pittsburgh, PA and Laurie, from Dell Rapids, South Dakota, joined Saint John's last May. Currently they live in Shoreview. Bill and Laurie have five children and fourteen grandchildren spread around the country. Laurie is a Lymphedema Therapist and Bill is a retired professor of Psychiatry and Psychology who continues to teach part time. Bill and Laurie grew up Lutheran and Catholic, respectively, and having come from different faiths, they were looking for something that blended the two. St. John's seemed to be the perfect place. When they visited, they were impressed by the clergy, the music, and the parish's commitment to social justice issues. In particular, they would like to deepen their involvement in immigration issues. When Bill and Laurie are not working or spending time with their grandchildren, they enjoy traveling, working in their yard, and taking part in family get-togethers.



Happy Birthday to...

October *

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| 1 | Tessa McLaren Johnson | 11 | J. Bradner Smith | | Charles Sand |
| 2 | Lucy Brown | 12 | Frank Loiseau-Purcell | 24 | Judy Southwick |
| | Caroline Lightner | | Madeleine Grills | 25 | Lisa Henry |
| 3 | Talulah Clamons | 13 | Jack McDaniel | | Douglas Lassey |
| | Marschall Smith | | Cydney Hagstrom | | Jessica Berry |
| | Megan Edgerton | 14 | Linda Stack-Nelson | | Kirsten Loiseau-Purcell |
| | Kerry Hennessey | | Sarah Gemlo | 27 | Thomas Rinkoff |
| 6 | Todd Spainhower | | Grace Brown | | Jim Langler |
| | Rex. E. Haberman | 15 | Terri Fishel | | Michaela Allen |
| 7 | Catherine Olsen | | Beverly Finley | | Andrew Schmitt |
| | Roxy Markie | 16 | Brandi Ryan | | Bradner Smith |
| | Skyler Rosendale | | Jeremy Dorrell | 28 | Sarah Thompson |
| | Isabella Avery | | Grayson Clary | 29 | Aidan Schmidt |
| 8 | Nancy Langler | | Peter Sullivan | | Katherine Thomas |
| | Nora Howie | 17 | Cecelia Wall | 31 | Laura Nicholson |
| | Cali Ann Kraemer | | Christina Avery | | Ian Cudworth |
| | Erin Sunder | 19 | Nicole Cross | | Michael Kern |
| 9 | Jay Clark | 20 | David Aylesworth | | Ginny B. Parrish |
| | Tara Ebenhoch | | Ria Newell | | Louis Suarez |
| 10 | Liz Collins | 21 | Steve Sims | | |
| | Andrew Aldridge | | Cooper Olson | | |
| | Julia Debertin | 23 | Kasey Keeler | | |
| | | | Brittany Olson | | |

*If your birthday was missed, please call or email the church office so our records can be updated.

Altar Decor Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

Oct. 5, the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar: Art MacDonald

Small Altar: Herbert, Gladys, and Cecil Griffith

Oct. 12, the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar: Debbie Pilacinski, Tome Woelfel, Bert Smith

Small Altar: Ann Bruce Ashmun

Oct. 19, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar: Mary Ann Horn, Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Horn

Small Altar: Margaret M. & William H. Plummer

Oct. 26, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar: Bob Martin

Small Altar: Melissa Leigh Mosvick



Altar Flowers 2014

Memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. A few Sundays are available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. If you are interested, please contact **Dusty Mairs** or **the Church Office** to find out what dates are open for each altar.

St. John the Evangelist October 2014 Service Schedule

| Time | READERS* | ALTAR GUILD TEAMS | USHERS | GREETERS | COFFEE HOUR |
|---|--|-------------------|---|--|--------------|
| October 5, 2014—The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Craig Lindeke | Dusty Mairs | Bob Baumann Jay Debertin Peter Gilbertson George Kinkead | Patricia Durst Jennifer Kinkead | First Sunday |
| 10:00 am | A - John Graham B - Jill Thompson | | | | |
| October 12, 2014—The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Joan McCanna | Pam Strom | Julia Ferguson Don Husband Rick Rinkoff Diane Power | Phyllis Frisby Phyllis Goff Barbara Lindeke | Carole Selin |
| 10:00 am | A - Judy Southwick B - Don Posterna | | | | |
| October 19, 2014—The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | David Aylesworth | Pat Brynteson | Gary Hagstrom Paige Hagstrom Jeff Olsen Peggy Olsen | Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema Barbara Lindeke | Barb Lindeke |
| 10:00 am | A - Gary Gleason B - Chris Howie | | | | |
| October 26, 2014—The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Brad McCanna | Diane Power | Marvin Cadwell Kathleen Hanson Alex Joyce John MacBain | Suzanne McInroy Judy Southwick | |
| 10:00 am | A - Joan Potter B - Rick Rinkoff | | | | |



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